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FOR SPACERS FOR CELLS HAVING SPACED OPPOSED SUBSTRATES

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 3-7, 9, 11-13, 16, 19-25, 27, 28, 31 and 32 as follows.

Please substitute the following amended claim(s) for corresponding claim(s) previously presented. A copy of the amended claim(s) showing current revisions is attached.

3. (Amended) A backplane according to claim 1 wherein the spacer comprises a series of more than two said layers.



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